

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 906

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Alex Motlow Richman to the State Forestry Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides for the creation of a State Forestry Commission within the Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, further provides that the Governor shall appoint seven members to the commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Alex Motlow Richman to the State Forestry Commission as the representative of an owner of 500 acres or more of forest land for a term that expires on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Motlow "Alex" Richman is the chief operating officer of Cumberland Springs Land Company, a 6,000-acre contiguous tract of land in Moore County that her great-grandfather, Lem Motlow, aggregated in the early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, as the fourth generation of the Motlow family to manage the property, Ms. Richman works to ensure the land remains productive and intact; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland Springs Land Company has been a certified Tree Farm since 2009, and Ms. Richman is an active member of the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Richman holds a bachelor's degree in natural resources from The University of the South and is currently working on her thesis for a master's degree in forestry from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, she maintains memberships in the Quality Deer Management Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, and Forest Landowners Association and serves on the Tennessee State Technical Advisory Committee, White Oak Initiative steering committee, and Tennessee Tree Farm Committee; and

WHEREAS, possessing a unique understanding of the importance of forestry due to both her education and her experience in every step of the process, Ms. Richman utilizes conservation programs to improve wildlife habitat and forest health; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, Alex Richman has reforested hundreds of acres with white oak trees in an effort to address the impending shortage of white oak for future generations; and

WHEREAS, she balances these efforts with management of the property for timber production, supplying the wood industry with millions of feet of high quality saw timber every year; and

WHEREAS, Alex Motlow Richman has worked tirelessly throughout her life to promote responsible, sustainable forestry on her own property and properties across Tennessee, and she is a person of integrity whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Forestry Commission shall be confirmed by joint resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Alex Motlow Richman to the State Forestry Commission for a term that expires on June 30, 2024.